

“BORN IN A BARN PLAYERS” PERFORM IN NEW THEATRE WITH HELP OF USDA

Outline of Need: The Lofte Association, Inc. has been performing plays for more than 29 years in literally what use to be a hog barn located on the outskirts of Manley, Nebraska. The Barn was very rustic, with no air conditioning, heating, restrooms, or dressing rooms. The performances were more than just a play, they were an experience!



The Lofte-Old

How Rural Development Helped: USDA Rural Development provided a Community Facility loan in the amount of \$1,596,000 in August, 2006. The Lofte Association, Inc. started a capital campaign called the B.A.R.N. (Bring the Arts to Rural Nebraska) and raised more than \$670,000 towards this project.

The Results: The Lofte theatre today is all new but still sports a “barn” feel inside and out. The building can be seen from Highways 50 and 1. Performers today enjoy inside dressing rooms, a prop room, and a costume room. This season’s seats are going fast and many performances are sold out. The Lofte, seating nearly 380, offers play goers a setting in which to relish in a wonderful play with the conveniences of air and heat, along with inside restrooms and a concession stand. The lobby is a great place to mingle with friends before and after the performances. This is a fantastic asset to rural Nebraska!



The Lofte-New